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Every Baptist Church Urged To Emphasize State Missions

State Missions is the special emphasis of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in September of each year and this year Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary-treasurer, has urged every church to participate by observing this important event and taking a special offering for the cause.

This year's Convention - approved special offering goal is \$125,000 and the funds given will apply toward the regular 1973 State Missions Budget of \$1,252,850.

Continuing, Dr. Hudgins declared that "It is my hope and prayer that our State Missions Offering this year will be the greatest ever."

"This opportunity affords our people a means of giving an additional support to mission work in our state. I hope every church will participate."

The suggested date is Sept. 9-12, but if this date is not convenient for certain churches, the executive secretary urges those to observe the special emphasis and receive the offering on a date that is convenient.

Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson, executive secretary - treasurer - elect, in urging the importance of the State Missions emphasis, issued the following statement:

"The late J. B. Lawrence, secretary of our Home Mission Board and a fellow Mississippian, in a report to the Southern Baptist Convention stated:

"Christ located for us the strategic point of approach to our world mission task. He made that approach for us in his own mission method. He approached the task of planting his religion in the world, and making it the universal religion of mankind, from his own homeland."

"Real missionary concern must begin in our own homeland. Mississippi Baptists must view Mississippi as the key in winning the rest of the world to Christ."

"We must ever work at keeping the home base strong so that it can continue to make aggressive mission

referring to Judea as being my state. "It seems to me that if we are going to fulfill the scriptural admonition of witnessing in our state, one of the best vehicles to do so would be the State Missions offering."

State Missions emphasis in September has been church-wide in scope the past few years and particularly includes the WMU Season of Prayer Sept. 9-12 and State Missions Day in the Sunday School on Sunday, Sept. 9.

The program theme is "Mississippi Stepping Forward With Christ."

Miss Marjean Patterson, state WMU executive secretary, and Mrs. Vernon May, Louisville, state president, urge every local organization in

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Women And State Missions

By Marjean Patterson
Executive Secretary, State WMU

The voice of the young woman on the telephone was filled with urgency. "Please rush us some more material for the State Mission Season of Prayer," she said, "because we've waited late to plan and we do not want to fail to participate." We rushed the material to her, of course.

Though some of us among the female gender may occasionally have the tendency to procrastinate, when the time arrives to make definite plans for a special season of prayer and to promote a special mission offering, Mississippi women always rise to the occasion.

Women historically have been the initiators and the promoters of the State Mission Offering. Small groups of women through the years have met to select a theme for the emphasis, to select a writer and to make plans to use the program material and promote the offering.

The zeal and enthusiasm of women in the state have paid off. Last year's State Mission Offering was the largest ever in the history of our state.

This year's goal of \$125,000 represents financial assistance to almost every area of work done by Mississippi Baptists. Generous gifts will provide aid in insuring a Christian witness in our state parks and in helping locate new churches in the areas of our state where the population is mushrooming. Minority groups will be offered assistance and children in our state will hear the gospel.

Prayer support for the work of Mississippi Baptists is even more important than financial support and women in the state have always led out in this area.

We anticipate another record year in gifts to State Missions because Mississippi women will once more study and give and pray.

1973 State Missions Budget

Sunday School	\$ 106,200
Church Training	85,000
Brotherhood	67,750
Church Music	61,500
BSU (Operational)	144,000
BSU (Capf. Needs)	40,000
National Baptists	84,200
Evangelism	43,000
Stewardship	79,750
Cooperative Missions	98,200
Associational Subsidies	55,000
Church Building Aid	11,000
Pastoral Aid	5,000
Building Services	31,800
Religious Education Association	350
Sanatorium Ministry	900
Promotion and Miscellaneous	5,000
Property and Maintenance	104,000
Property: Capital Needs	148,200
Social Security: Insurance	66,000
New Missions	15,000
S. B. C. Bible Conference	1,000
Total	\$1,252,850

Christian Life Commission

Drunk Driving Is National Scandal

By Harry Hollis, Jr.
Director of Special Moral Concerns
The Christian Life Commission of the
Southern Baptist Convention

A national scandal is damaging America, and there are forces at work to keep it covered up. The American people must move to uncover this scandal immediately.

The scandal is the death and destruction caused by the deadly combination of drinking and driving.

The scandal includes the fact that drinking drivers cause at least 30,000 deaths on the highways in America each year.

In addition another 800,000 to 1 million people are injured in accidents caused by drinking drivers.

The cost of such drinking induced accidents has been estimated at five hundred million dollars per month.

Who is covering up this scandal? Certainly the makers of alcoholic beverages cover it up by spending millions to get people to start drinking and to keep on drinking. Judges who are too lenient with drinking drivers are partly responsible for this scandal. Apathetic citizens who refuse to work with their legislators to get stricter laws passed are guilty of a cover-up.

Reporters who do not try to probe this scandal must share some of the responsibility.

The cover-up must also be traced to church congregations who wash their hands of the tough task of being involved because they do not want to "mix religion and politics."

What should be done to uncover this scandal and make the streets and highways safer?

(1) There must be stricter legisla-

tion regulating the privilege of having a license to drive. People convicted of drinking and driving should serve a mandatory jail sentence and should lose their license to drive for at least six months.

(2) Concerned groups should try to get the truth out about liquor and driving to counter the false advertising which shows only the glamour of drinking.

(3) Every state should adopt simplified consent laws by which the act of accepting a driver's license implies the consent of a driver to be tested for intoxication.

(4) Christian churches and homes should teach facts about the dangers of drinking and driving.

(5) Judges should be selected who will enforce the laws stringently.

(6) High school driver education programs should include facts about drinking and driving.

(7) Legislators should be elected who will pass good laws to protect people from drinking drivers.

(8) The Southern Baptist Convention should support a denominational program to respond to the crisis of drinking and driving.

The national scandal of death and

destruction caused by drinking drivers has lasted too long. The cover-up of this serious problem is a disgrace.

Every resource of our society should focus on uncovering and correcting this scandal immediately.

Three Killed In Truck Mobile Home Accident

ABILENE, Tex. (BP)—A layman and two teenage girl singers from First Baptist Church, here, on their way to a performance in another church, were killed when the mobile home they were riding in crashed and burned.

Harry N. Walker, 38, an Abilene oil executive, was driving a group of singers from the church to a performance in Cross Plains, Tex., when he apparently attempted to pass a pickup truck making a left hand turn.

The motor home hit the pickup, careened off and struck a tree, then began to burn. Killed besides Walker were Cathy Merrill and Thyra Margaret Langford, both 15. The injured included Mrs. Walker, her son Paul, 15, and her daughter Pam, 11, and Buddy Fisher, 15.

Fisher was credited with pulling Mrs. Walker from the burning wreckage. He also, along with Paul Walker, attempted to rescue the two girls but the flames became too high. James Flamming, pastor of First Baptist Church, said his own teenage son was scheduled to make the trip but canceled out due to illness. All the accident victims were members of First Baptist Church, but the singing group was not church sponsored.

Baptists Respond To Needs Of Mexico's Quake Victims

MEXICO CITY (BP) — Responding to immediate needs from Mexico's worst earthquake in modern times, a Baptist church in Puebla, Puebla state, southeast of here, has dispatched its pastor and a team of physicians to assist victims.

The church, Primera Iglesia Bautista (First Baptist Church), is the nearest Baptist work to the earthquake epicenter, according to David P. Daniell, a Southern Baptist representative in Mexico.

Charles Bryan, area secretary for

Middle America and the Caribbean for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, said the board is awaiting requests from the field before determining how possible relief funds should be designated.

Both Bryan and Carl Tiller of Baptist World Alliance headquarters, Washington, said they stand ready to respond as needs are known.

Tiller said three other BWA - affiliated Baptist bodies, besides Southern Baptists, have "fraternal ties" with Baptist work in Mexico — the

American Baptist Churches, the Baptist General Conference and the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

He said none of these four groups yet know what damage may have occurred to local Mexican Baptists because of crippled communications from the disaster area.

According to incomplete early reports, no Southern Baptist representatives in Mexico suffered harm and none of their property seemed to be damaged, Bryan said.

The pre-dawn earthquake, which

wire services reports say may claim 1,000 lives, ripped through Mexico's midsection, devastating villages in Puebla, Vera Cruz and Oaxaca states, which form a belt across Central Mexico south of the capital.

Thousands were injured and homeless in an area just recovering, wire reports said, from the effects of Hurricane Brenda and a month's torrential rains which had left hundreds without shelter, including some local Mexican Baptists, according to a re-

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Tour Of Vietnam Spotlights Severe Plight Of The People There

By Mrs. R. L. Mathis
For the Baptist Press

SAIGON (BP) — The war had ended just a few weeks before I arrived in Saigon. I planned the trip because it appeared no Vietnamese woman could leave her country to come to the continental conference of the Asian Baptist Women's Union in Singapore.

My visit to Vietnam therefore would report the conference to them and also permit me to talk with them about women's organizations in the churches. There was no woman's organization in any Baptist church in South Vietnam.

It turned out that immigration officials changed their minds at the last minute, and three Vietnamese women did come to Singapore — the first time that country had ever been represented at an Asian Baptist Women's Union meeting.

I went on to Saigon, however, and I'm glad I did. The trip showed me first hand the desperate plight of the Vietnamese people and their personal fight to bring life back to normalcy.

It spotlighted for me — and I hope for others — the need for all of us to increase assistance to these heroic people through the Baptist relief channels such as the Southern Baptist

Foreign Mission Board and the Baptist World Alliance.

The day after I arrived, I flew from Saigon to Hue, where Southern Baptist missionaries transported me, relay fashion, on an 11-day trip from one city to another where I had engagements in churches. During the long trip, which led from Hue back to Saigon, we rode in what looked like a cross between a passenger car and a truck.

We were never out of the sight of villages, teeming with people and rice fields. Later I learned the people were working frantically in the rice fields hoping to get a crop in and

harvest it before war struck again.

I was surprised at how often we took a turn around a mountain and came upon the most beautiful beaches I've ever seen on the South China Sea. I had expected to see villages and jungles, the rice fields with people working in them and the water buffalo — but not mountains and beaches.

We arrived in Danang barely in time for the first afternoon session beginning about 4:30. Of about 70 women waiting in that church, one was the wife on the vice-consul from America, a Catholic. She showed especial interest in the talk about or-

ganization of a Woman's Missionary Union.

The next day we picked up our journey beginning at 6 a. m. in Danang in another car van, and the missionary's wife reminded me that it would be an 11 hour non-stop ride until we arrived at the meeting in Nhatrang.

As we went through one village, a missionary told us it contained 20 home churches and that he went there as often as he could to teach their 20 leaders a Bible lesson. He translated it for them and they, in turn, taught it to the groups which gathered weekly. No national Baptist

pastor works there.

As we drove along Highway 1, called by the South Vietnamese "The Street Without Joy," we could understand the meaning of its name. There's not a single bridge on it which hasn't been bombed out — not one. We counted 265 bombed out bridges between Hue and Saigon.

I learned the military usually destroyed the bridges by floating bombs down the river, timed to explode at exactly the right place.

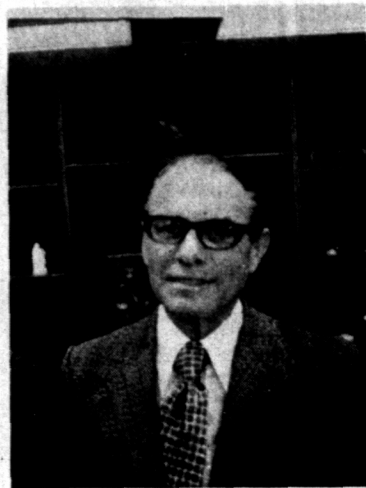
At every bridge crossing, we saw sandbags and soldiers with guns de-

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State Missions Activities Center In The Baptist Building



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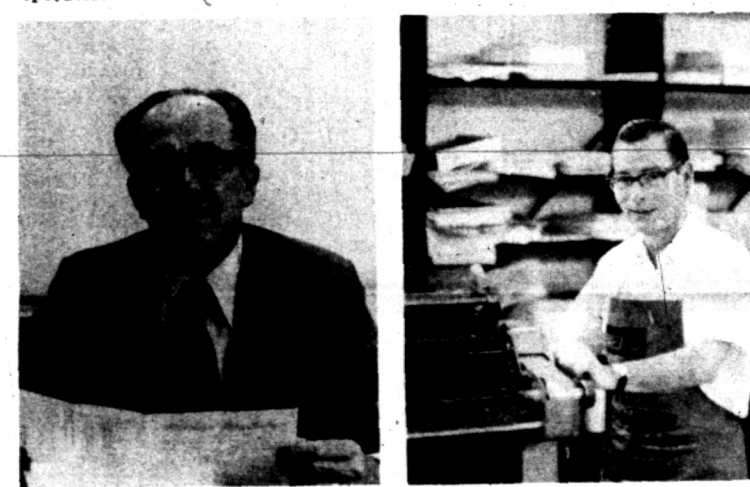
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Tour Of Vietnam Spotlights Severe Plight

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fending the bridges. They were still watching for floating bombs.

The American Army, before leaving, had to keep Highway 1 in as good repair as possible because they transported soldiers and equipment over it.

You're never out of sight of trucks carrying materials to rebuild the cities. Traffic literally filled the highway and we often had to wait 15, 20, and one time more than 30 minutes to cross a bridge.

It was a rocky rough, road, and we would have been more than weary except for the fact that in all the villages we saw people rebuilding their homes.

They rebuilt them out of the ammunition boxes left behind by the Army, and the word "ammunition" was clearly printed on every box. The missionaries said this was the best wood that the Vietnamese could find.

Only once did we hear the sounds of the firing of the large rocket guns. I realized the sound was coming from the right and finally, after hearing about the third or fourth shot, I asked the missionary what he thought the firing was.

Look around on your left, he said, and you will see the shots hitting the hill. I looked and sure enough the dust was flying high as the shots, coming right over the top of our car, hit the hill. It was too close for comfort.

Noting the intense way the people worked in the rice fields, I asked a Vietnamese soldier, who had come in his jungle uniform to pick up his wife at one of the churches, what he thought about the war and the current situation.

He said, "We are very, very tired but the North Vietnamese are also tired. Therefore, we can only hope that we will all have time to get rested and get in the rice crop before the war begins again."

This seemed to be the attitude of the Vietnamese people. I found them warm and sensitive and tender hearted, and I also found that they love Americans very much.

During the drive on the last day from Camrahn, the road improved the nearer we got to Saigon. We saw power plants, built by the American Army and left behind for the Vietnamese. We also saw barracks and stores of guns and ammunition the Americans had left for them to defend themselves.

The last meeting in Vietnam was in a Saigon Baptist church. The pastor of that church had died the Sunday before we got there.

He was an older pastor - one of only five national Baptist pastors in all of South Vietnam. A young pastor also died, leaving only three. So Vietnam has a great need for national pastors.

There's also a great need for relief work to aid people in our churches and outside the churches, and I'm hoping the Baptist World Alliance

can help supplement what Southern Baptists and others are doing.

Even if they are small, such gifts will give status to the Baptists in Vietnam. They can say a world organization of Baptists wants to help them in their terrible need.

Mrs. Mathis is president of both the Southern Baptist Women's Missionary Union and the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance.

Alaska Baptists Adopt Record Budget

SOLDOTNA, Alaska (BP) - Messengers to the 28th annual session of the Alaska Baptist Convention adopted a record 1974 budget of \$311,701 and heard plans for a new \$350,000 facility for family services and child care.

Alaska Southern Baptists also announced an increase in gifts to Southern Baptist Convention - wide causes through the Cooperative Program, the SBC's unified budget, from \$29,000 this fiscal year to \$34,220 in 1974.

Total Cooperative Program gifts through Alaska churches for the previous year amounted to \$93,562, while total mission contributions added up to \$133,504, according to Troy Prince, the convention's executive secretary. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions in Alaska

collected \$19,714, and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for home missions, \$8,719.

Herbert Cotton, a layman from Fairview Baptist Church, Anchorage, was re-elected convention president for a second term during the three-day convention at Soldotna's First Baptist Church.

Convention leaders said plans for the construction of the family service and child care facility will begin in

LIMURU, Kenya - Several Southern Baptist missionaries and nationals from Kenya and Tanzania, met here for a four-week workshop on programmed instruction to be used in a pilot Theological Education by Extension project. The project in West, Central and East Africa, will enable pastors to continue to work with their churches while studying 40 books, each requiring three months of study.

NAZARETH, Israel - The Nazareth Baptist School here is the only school in the city and one of few in Israel to receive special academic recognition from Israel's Ministry of Education. Grades from the Baptist School can be applied toward the national Bagrut college entrance examination, said Dale Thorne, missionary to Israel and director of the school.

the Spring of 1974 after the sale of property owned by the Alaska Baptist Convention.

Next year's convention site will be Calvary Baptist Church, Anchorage, August 13-15. In 1975, First Baptist Church, North Pole, will host the annual gathering.

First, McComb, New Sanctuary Groundbreaking. Planned For Sept. 9

First Baptist Church, McComb, has set Sunday, September 9, as the date for the groundbreaking for beginning construction of its new sanctuary.

The ceremony will be a part of the regular morning worship service at 11:00 a.m., with the entire congregation moving out of the present sanctuary for participation in the groundbreaking on the lot where the new building will be erected.

The church moved from its old location down town to the new site near Interstate 55, a number of years ago, and erected a large educational unit with part of it used as a temporary sanctuary. The new sanctuary has been a part of the overall plan for the new location, and the congregation now is ready to begin the construction.

Lieutenant Governor To Be Speaker At Blue Mountain College Convocation

Blue Mountain College, founded September 12, 1873, will observe its Centennial Convocation Wednesday, September 12, at 11:30 a.m. Lieutenant Governor William Winter will be the featured speaker.

President Harold Fisher stated, "We are fortunate to have Mr. Winter participate in this convocation because he has provided exceptional state leadership in higher education through his interest in and support of both public and private institutions. Among his many activities and contributions to private education are his membership on the Board of Trustees of Belhaven College and the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Foundation of Independent Colleges."

He has been a friend and supporter of Blue Mountain College for many years. His understanding and appreciation of Blue Mountain College places him in a unique position to participate in this significant convocation.

The Board of Trustees of Blue Mountain College, The Mississippi Baptist Education Commission and the Board of Directors of the National fall meetings in conjunction with the centennial celebration and will participate in the activities of the day.

The week of September 10-14 will mark the beginning of the first phase of the centennial activities of the college. Blue Mountain, known for its

contribution to the arts will present the works of two of its faculty members in the Division of Fine Arts. G. Edward Ludlow, Associate Professor of Music, will present his faculty organ recital at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 11, in the Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church. The church which is adjacent to the campus was also founded by General M. P. Lowrey.

During the week of September 10-14, Charles M. Clark, Assistant Professor of Art, will exhibit his work in the "Paschal Student Center." Mr. Clark who holds numerous awards for his paintings will be presenting his first exhibition for the college.

These activities will begin the Centennial Celebration which will culminate with a theatrical production, written and directed by Orlin Corey, on March 8-9, 1974 Alumnae and friends of the college are invited to join in the celebration of this significant event and attend all the centennial activities during the 73-74 academic session.

Earthquake - - -

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port from the National Baptist Convention of Mexico, and killed 70.

Tiller said the BWA has sent \$1,000 as initial aid to Baptists made homeless by the flooding, and that "they can use that for any earthquake damage they may find if they wish." He said other assistance to flood victims will be forthcoming, along with any aid necessary for earthquake victims.

The last Southern Baptist representatives assigned to the Puebla area were Mr. and Mrs. James A. Williams Jr., who transferred to Chihuahua in June.

Mexico City and Oaxaca are the mission stations nearest the area hit by the disaster. Stationed in Mexico City are Mr. and Mrs. David P. Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. Alan W. Compton, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Gray Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James M. Short Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. H. Eldon Sturgeon. In Oaxaca are Mr. and Mrs. James M. Philpot and journeyman Martha Stevens.

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the state to observe the program and receive an offering for the cause.

Rev. Bryant M. Cummings, state Sunday School director, is likewise urging every Sunday School in the state to observe State Missions Day and receive a special offering.

The material for the WMU Season of Prayer programs for Baptist Women and Baptist Young Women was prepared by Mrs. Anne Washburn McWilliams, editorial associate for the Baptist Record.

Programs for Acteens were also prepared for by this group.



CHURCH TRAINING DEPARTMENT — Seated l to r: Evelyn George, associate; Helen Smith, office secretary; Irene Lipscomb, office secretary. Back row: Kermit King, director; Bill Latham, associate; Norman Rodgers, associate.



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In photo at right: Dennis Coaniff, Jr., associate.



WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION — In photo at left, front row: Frances Shaw, Baptist Young Women director; Marjean Patterson, executive secretary-treasurer; Barbara Taylor, administrative assistant. Back row: Fran Pickett, camp manager and financial secretary; Linda



Pruitt, office secretary; Waudine Storey, Girls in Action and Missions Friends director; Katie Ainsworth, receptionist and mailing supervisor. In photo at right: Marilyn Hopkins, Acteens director, and Ethel McKeithen, Baptist Women director.



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Do You Really Care?

By Will J. Roberts
Missionary to Kenya

NYERI, Kenya — As a foreign missionary, I am often discouraged by the failure of Baptists back home to take advantage of the opportunities they have every day to tell others about Jesus Christ.

Let me share with you an incident that explains what I mean.

Last spring as our family was camped on the beach of the Indian Ocean at Mombasa, we aided a family whose car had broken down. While helping them, we had the opportunity to share with them the love of Christ.

They told us they had come to Nairobi four months earlier to work for the government. For the previous three years they had lived and worked in the United States as foreigners, and yet no one cared enough to share with them the Good News of Christ. They had hardly even heard the name "Baptists."

For three long years they lived in your land, Southern Baptists. Not one Baptist ever talked to them about Christ. Not one Baptist ever invited their children to Sunday School. The only person who even mentioned Christianity to them was a next door neighbor, and he was unsure of what it meant to be a Christian.

This man is one of the most kind and considerate men I have ever met. He is confused about what it means to be a Christian, but eager to listen to someone who really cares about him and his family.

As a lad in school in Denmark, he was required to study religion as a subject. He rebelled against the state

church and its stilted version of Christianity. He is a highly educated person who has spent the last 15 years of his life working in many different countries, perhaps seeking and searching for the joy and happiness that you profess to have found in Christ.

He and his family could have been helped to find Christ had someone shown love and concern for them. They could have come to Nairobi as strong Christians, and they could have been the nucleus for starting a much needed English language Baptist church in the area of our capital city where they live.

Instead, he came still confused and lost. Confused because Christians talk a lot about love, but when it comes to actions he had found that it was the Muslim of North Africa, and not Christians, who seemed to care about strangers in their midst.

We were able to share with him and his family what Christ means to us personally. I insisted that he take my new copy of the Living Bible and give God one more chance to speak to him. I noticed that as my wife and I were sharing with him and his wife, that our 14-year-old daughter was also telling their youngest daughter how to be saved. When they left early the next morning, unknown to us, our daughter had also "loaned" her Bible and devotion book to her new friend.

Pray with us for this family. You have lost that opportunity to show love to them. But there must be thousands of others just like them, some who live on your block, who are hungry for the friendship of someone who really cares.

Do you really care?

The Convention President Speaks

State Missions

You will notice this issue of the **Baptist Record** is devoted to a state missions emphasis. This is truly a great state with many wonderful people in it and also, a multiple number of opportunities. The state missions offering is a way of bringing these two together.

Let me illustrate some of the things that are done in state missions. We have minority groups, such as Indians, Chinese, and Negroes. Through state missions we minister unto such people.

Mississippi Baptists have some excellent educational institutions of which many of us have been recipients of much help. This, too, shares in our state missions program.

Child care is always a pleasure and an opportunity. One of the most gratifying experiences I know about is providing a home and tender love and care for children who would not have such if it were not for state missions.

Special conferences for all kind of church membership are held under very able leadership. When we contribute to state missions, we make a contribution to our own good, as well as to others.

I do not have the words others have written for this issue in regard to state missions, but I want to add my own little bit in encouraging you to be a part in the state missions offering. — David Grant.

Mississippi Singing Churchmen Are Invited To Sing On Mission Tour Of South America

At the invitation of the Foreign Mission Board, SBC, and the Missions Committee of Brazilian Baptists, the Mississippi Singing Churchmen will be going on a mission tour to South America May 6-17, 1974.

The group will sing in churches, concert halls, in the open-air, and on radio and television, appearing in five metropolitan areas of Brazil and in at least two other Latin American countries. They will prepare to present a little more than an hour of music (about 20 tunes), singing a variety of songs; the emphasis will be on missions and witness. One-fourth to one-third of the texts will be sung in Portuguese and Spanish.

The project is under the sponsorship of the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Dan Hall, director. Persons interested in the tour should contact Mr. Hall at Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205 no later than October 1, 1973. Mostly the tour group will be composed of ministers of music. However, Mr. Hall says, "We certainly will welcome singing pastors, and other staff members and laymen to join with the group." Each participant must be a musician, attend a minimum of five rehearsals, learn the music, and have a positive attitude toward the project and missions in general. (The tour is not recommended for women.)

Eight rehearsals for the tour program will be held in various parts of Mississippi between October of 1973 and May of 1974. Three or four of the rehearsals will be "Rehearsal - Con-

certs" in churches.

The cost of air travel, food, lodging, and other routine expenses while on tour is estimated at \$1150. (This does not include cost of dress ensembles and rehearsal travel expense. These items are estimated at \$225). Bryan Tours of Jackson is in charge of travel arrangements.

Mr. Hall says that the group will make a record album of the tour music, shortly after their return from South America.

In outlining the purpose and benefits of the tour he said that it will

"utilize music in proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ to thousands of people in South America; broaden the musician's vision and understanding of the people of other countries on the American continent, their culture, and their spiritual needs; improve and deepen the musician's ministry in his home church enhanced by experiences during the tour; strengthen the work and influence of Baptist missionaries; give the musicians a chance to serve as good will ambassadors for Mississippi and Mississippi Baptists."

Reds Hear Gospel At Festival

Springfield, Ill. (EP) — Two hundred youth made professions of faith at the Communist World Youth Festival in East Berlin in early August, according to Southern Baptist evangelist Sammy Tippit of San Antonio. Tippit spent a week at the East Berlin festival. Assisting him were Fred Starkweather, a member of the Oak Grove Baptist Church near Pinckneyville, Ill., and Fred Bishop, former pastor of the Oak Grove church.

Tippit and his associates spent most of each day, as well as much of each evening, on the Alexanderplatz in E. Berlin, where as many as 100,000 people gathered for the festival.

Their witnessing began on an informal basis, and ended with a "Jesus march" and street preaching on the Alexanderplatz, Tippit said.

"My first contact was with a German youth who was wearing a one-way Jesus button," Tippit told the Illinois Baptist paper. "He told me he was not a Christian, but just wearing the button. I witnessed to him about 40 minutes. This attracted others, and soon 200 to 300 communist youth were standing around us, wanting autographs."

On the second day at the festival, the trio of Americans knelt in the streets to pray publicly. "When I got up, 100 people were standing around me," Tippit said. "I started preaching, and soon the number grew to 1,000."

At other times, Tippit's group faced hostility, as hecklers chanted slogans, and eulie them, trying to keep interested persons away from their preaching.

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EDITORIAL

State Missions In A "Baptist" State

From the very beginning of their history, Mississippi Baptists have been aggressive in their efforts to give a Christian witness wherever people were found in the state. The result is that it is doubtful if any other state in the nation has been more thoroughly saturated with the gospel, and with a Baptist witness, than has Mississippi. In one sense it can be called a predominantly Baptist state.

Evangelical churches appeared in Mississippi almost as soon as the English speaking settlers began to arrive here. As fast as new areas were opened to settlement by treaties with the Indians, and new communities and towns were established, the Christian witness quickly followed. Usually it came from the Christian people themselves who were the newcomers, and wanted churches in their new home. Often, itinerant preachers quickly appeared in the new settlements to "preach the gospel" either because of their own concern, or because they were sent out by churches and associations in other areas, which felt responsibility for the newly settled parts of the country.

Throughout its history Mississippi has felt the impact of this ministry of evangelical people. Baptists certainly have been among the leaders from the very beginning, but they have been joined by Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, and others. No group, however, has been more aggressive than the Baptists.

First Baptist Church

The first Baptist church in the state was organized on Cole's Creek, a few miles Northeast of Natchez, in 1791, and soon was named Salem. The first association appeared in 1806 and was comprised of six churches. It was called the Mississippi Association and continues its existence until this day. For a while it included all of the Baptist churches in the state, but soon other associations began to be organized, and today the membership in Mississippi Association includes churches in only two counties, while

there are 75 other associations in the state.

The first state convention was organized in 1824, but never did gain strong support of the churches, and was dissolved before 1830. Interested leaders, however, saw the necessity for a state organization which would unify the Baptist witness, so a new state convention was formed in 1836, and has been in continuous existence since that time.

Missionary Purpose

In his A History of Mississippi Baptists, Dr. R. A. McLemore says, "One of the primary reasons for the organization of the State Convention was to organize and digest an operative system of measures, in relation to Missionary exertions throughout the State of Mississippi. . . ." So, one of the original purposes for forming the convention was state missions.

That purpose has continued to be a uniting and driving force for the convention through its history. New churches were organized almost as fast as new communities were opened and new towns sprang up.

One reads with great interest of the establishment of new churches along the great Gulf Coast area, in the "bottoms," as the Delta area was called before drainage reclaimed the rich lands for settlement, and in the boom towns that came with the great logging industry which developed to harvest the virgin forests which covered so much of the state.

By horseback, by stage, by buggies and hacks, by railroads when they were constructed, by automobiles when they appeared, Baptist workers spread out across the growing state. It is because of the zeal of these who were our fathers in the Baptist witness, that Mississippi is to a large degree a Baptist empire today.

When one considers that Baptist churches now cover the state, and that the denomination is by far the largest Christian group in Mississippi, he realizes how much has been accomplished through state missions in all the years past.

Yet, the task is not completed. There still is much to be done in state missions. There are hundreds of thousands of people who are unsaved; there still continue to develop new areas of population where new churches must be established; and there still are many weak churches which need assistance. Furthermore, there still are hundreds of thousands of Baptists in the existing churches, who need enlistment, training and utilization. All of these needs are within the province of the present concept of state missions, so a strong program is very much needed today.

State Mission Board

State missions embraces all that is being done through the departments of the state mission board. It includes such church programs as Sunday school, church training, work with both men and women, evangelism, stewardship, music, youth ministries, and all work carried on in the local church. It also involves work with the associations, rural church work, urban missions, and work with National Baptists. There is direct missions with the Indians, the Chinese, Mexicans, etc. The program seeks to help establish new churches where they are needed, and to strengthen weak churches which already exist. Assistance also is provided for all churches whatever their size.

Each September, largely under the direction of the WMU, a week of prayer for state missions is observed, and a special offering for the cause is taken. This special offering is added to the section for state mission causes in the Cooperative Program budget, to ensure the largest possible support for those causes.

Churches all across the state are invited and urged to participate in this special offering, and most of the churches do that. It is an opportunity for every Baptist in Mississippi to participate in a witness for Christ in his own beloved state. We hope that every church will observe the week, so that every Baptist will have the opportunity to share in this great offering.



"THOU WILT KEEP HIM IN

PERFECT PEACE DEFEAT DEVICE

WHOSE MIND IS STAYED ON
THEE: BECAUSE HE
TRUSTETH IN THEE."

—ISA. 26:3

"Beside The Still Waters"

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Disapproves "Moral Scene" Item In Recent Record

Dear Editor:

What's going on? I am somewhat puzzled by the fact that this "positively Christian and unashamedly Baptist" newspaper would include certain items in "On The Moral Scene" that smack of Communist-serving propaganda. For example, the August 23 edition contained an article in the aforementioned column which questioned the wisdom or need for America's Cold War expenditures. This incredible article, reprinted from the left-wing *Intellectual Digest* (which describes itself as unabashedly liberal) ends with the question: "Was it worth it?"

The especially diabolical nature of this article is the subtle attempt to discredit America's anti-Communist stance by exploiting public unrest regarding government spending.

Certainly, we deplore wasteful government extravagance, but was our anti-Communist effort wasteful or even extravagant? Toward the end and after World War II the great question was in regard to the future world structure. Would Christian Western Civilization emerge or would the Red Army, champion of atheistic Communism, prevail?

Fortunately, the people of America, the strongest nation of the free world, decided to stand and fight the good fight. Because of that decision and the resulting heavy expenditure, our way of life, including religious liberty, survived.

Let anyone believe that the Communists have mellowed in the intervening years, I hasten to add that the Soviet persecution of our fellow Baptists continues today, characterized by increasing intensity. Therefore, please try to weed out the Communist-serving floundering—our Baptist brethren in Russia will thank you.

Steve Swain
Box 4066
University, Mississippi

Says Picture Outlines Were Misplaced

Gentlemen:

I thought to call your attention to a slight error in placing the wrong wording under your pictures.

The one with the three fat legs should read "desecrate the century old campus." The other picture could have the title, "Adorn."

It is pathetic to see a woman get up with showing her ugly bony knees, giving a devotional entitled, "Be not conformed to this present (evil) world."

Then there are the ones who go even farther, that should make the burlesque queens picket the churches for stealing their thunder and displaying for nothing what they used to display for money.

I was impressed with a quotation on the front page of the same edition, "—there stands tall and straight our modern youth. America's future is in the hands of her youth."

So wise, so original, so blindly optimistic. it deserves comment.

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NEWEST BOOKS

THE CONQUEST OF FEAR by M. F. Graham (Broadman, 124 pp., \$1.50) A first-hand report on the fear that grips a man in middle life when he suddenly learns that he has heart trouble. The author reveals the place that Christian faith has in conquering fear, and in so readjusting life as to win victory over the disease itself. A most helpful testimony from a Christian physician who passed through the trying experience.

THE TIME WAS RIGHT by George A. E. Salstrand (Broadman, 123 pp., \$1.50) Simple, yet scholarly messages on the history of Judah in the period which prepared for the first coming of the Lord. Tells how God prepared the land and the people.

JESUS, WHERE ARE YOU TAKING US? edited by Norris L. Wogen (Creation House, 250 pp., \$4.95) Messages delivered at the first International Lutheran Conference on the Holy Spirit, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota in August, 1972. The speakers were not all Lutheran, so that it is not a denominational oriented volume. This is another among the numerous books which are appearing which discuss the charismatic movement. These speakers defend the claims of baptism in the Holy Spirit, tongues, etc. Many Baptists and other Christians will have questions concerning some of the things which are said or reported here, but will find interest in listening to these testimonies.

THE WHOLE PERSON (Word, 207 pp., \$5.95) The subtitle is "39 Essays Honoring the Founder of a School of Medical Practice Dedicated to Treating Each Patient as a Human Being." Paul Tournier is a world renowned physician, psychiatrist, theologian, and author who is looked upon by many as a modern day prophet. Although he lives in Switzerland, his Christian witness has reached across Europe and America, and perhaps around the world. In this book other doctors write of what his influence has meant in bringing a spiritual concept into the practice of medicine. The testimonies present a personal witness to what Christ means in their lives of professional people.

THE BACK SIDE OF SATAN by Morris Cerullo (Creation House, 224 pp., \$4.95) Morris Cerullo is a converted Jew who has become a world renowned evangelist. This is a book of experiences revealing satanic and demonic activity all around the world. He also tells of the power of God as the answer to satanic action. There are some amazing stories here and some wondrous reports on healings and deliverance. At the same time there is much information concerning the occult, witchcraft, and the terrible affect they are having on today's people. This book will shock you and you may find part of its reports hard to believe, but it will open your eyes to these amazing events happening right around us today.

DEMONOLOGY - PAST AND PRESENT by Kurt Koch (Kregel, 161 pp., paper, \$1.25) This book grew out of an address that this widely known German theologian and author made under the auspices of Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. It also includes studies on demonology presented as addresses in various other places around the world. They deal with demonology, the occult, mediums,

demon possession and deliverance, miracles of healing, and related subjects. The messages are clear in outline and present a broad scholarly analysis and interpretation. A very valuable addition to the growing library of books on these subjects.

INSIDE STORY OF MORMONISM by Einar Anderson (Kregel Publication, 162 pp., paper \$2.95) The author is one of today's outstanding authorities on Mormonism and in this book he exposes the cult with amazing accuracy. The individual who is not acquainted with Mormonism may feel that it is just another Christian denomination. Reading this book and others like it will make clear how mistaken they are. Yet Mormonism is now an organization with a missionary system so expansive and so well entrenched that everyday a new Mormon Chapel is dedicated somewhere in the world, and Mormon "missionaries" are knocking on doors around the world every hour of the day. Mr. Einar was reared a Mormon, but after years in that faith was led to Jesus Christ as his Saviour. It was then that he saw the false teaching of the cult he had been part of. This book tells of Mormon beginnings, Mormon history, curious declarations of Mormon "prophets" and discusses some of the articles of faith. The author says that Mormonism is not Christian and should not be considered such.

VIOLENCE RIGHT OR WRONG? by Peter W. Macky (Word, 210 pp., \$5.95) A careful analysis of the right or wrong of violence. This book covers the whole field whether it be a nation at war, international violence, group violence, individual violence, church violence, etc. In this day of confused thinking concerning right and wrong in this field, the author who is a professor and former pastor, has done a monumental work in preparing this study. It is carefully documented with quotations from many sources and presents conversion as the answer to violence. One may not agree with every conclusion, but he will have to agree that the author has made a careful and helpful study.

1000 QUIPS, STORIES, & ILLUSTRATIONS FOR ALL OCCASIONS by Herbert V. Prochnow (Baker, 220 pp., \$2.95) A new edition of another of the author's outstanding collection of stories, jokes, quips, etc. will provide the speaker or writer with a world of material.

THE MASTER GAME AND PARTY BOOK by Genevieve Richart (Baker, 245 pp., \$2.95) Hundreds of ideas for games, parties, and programs. Classified for use with various ages and for different types of groups, will be a valuable asset for the recreation chairman.

HOW TO SPEAK WELL IN PUBLIC by Alfred Tack (Baker, 242 pp., \$2.95) Reprint of a book published nearly twenty years ago, providing practical and usable suggestions on speaking in public. Deals with preparation, the various parts of the message, and almost everything that is involved in successful speaking.

THE PICTURE BIBLE FOR ALL AGES, A series of six books which present the whole Bible in a continuous cartoon story. The script is by Iva Hoth; illustrations by Andre

Le Blanc; and the Bible editor is C. Elvan Olmstead.

There are six books in the series: Creation, The Promised Land, Kings and Prophets, The Captivity, Jesus, and the Church. Each book has about 160 pages and each contains a cartoon series which covers the Biblical record for one section of the Bible. For example, the book entitled Creation covers from the Creation to the giving of the Law under Moses. Volume two takes up at the giving of the Law and continues through I Samuel 16. In the close of the last volume is a series of cartoon stories on how we got our Bible. Each of the books is complete in itself, but the entire set will make a much appreciated gift for those who love the Bible story and would like to see it artfully presented in the modern comic cartoon format. This series will be especially enjoyed by children and young people, but should interest almost all ages. The publisher is the David C. Cook Publishing Co., one of the largest non-denominational publishers of Sunday school and church literature in the nation. Each volume is \$3.95, meaning that the whole set of six books will cost only \$5.70. The series first appeared in one of the David C. Cook Company Sunday school publications and now has been put in permanent form. It will bring joy in many homes.

The Gospel Publishing House has released a new series which it calls Junior Adventure Books. Most of them have approximately 60 pp. and a Christian message for juniors. The subjects are TAMAR AND THE DESERT ADVENTURE; THE MIDNIGHT MIRACLE AND THE BLIND GIRL WHO SEES; A NEW HOME FOR RHODA; THE WAR WITHOUT FIGHTING AND THE OIL THAT MULTIPLIED; SEVEN DAYS AT JERICHO AND RACHEL MEETS THE HEALER; and SHIPWRECKED. All are written by Joann Knox. The price of the books is \$1.00 each.

THE CRAFT OF SERMON ILLUSTRATION by William E. Sangster (Baker, 125 pp., \$1.95) William E. Sangster was one of the great preachers in England in the first half of this century. This book presents his lectures on the use of illustrations in preaching. Much of the book is given to the sources of illustrations, but careful presentation also is given on how to use them.

C. S. LEWIS — MERE CHRISTIAN by Kathryn Lindskoog (Regal, 242 pp., \$2.95) The author reviews what the English Christian thinker and writer C. S. Lewis said about Christian subjects such as God, nature, death, heaven and hell and other subjects.

SEX IS A PARENT AFFAIR by Letha Scanlon (Regal, 261 pp., \$1.95) A guide for teaching concerning sex, especially prepared to help parents in teaching their children. Deals with the facts and problems of sex from a Christian point of view.

POLITICS, A CASE FOR CHRISTIAN ACTION by Robert D. Linder and Richard V. Pierard (InterVarsity, 160 pp., \$1.75) Two college professors from distinguished universities discuss the place of the Christian in the political life. A challenge and appeal to young people to become involved in the right way.



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Once I received a letter telling me that I was not teaching my children to respect me properly. It is a little hard to teach respect, isn't it? It's not as if you could say, "O.K., young man, respect me."

However . . .

The phone rang. I answered it with, "Hello."

"Mama, this is your little kid."

"I figured that out."

"I'm about to leave for home, and I should be there in twenty-five minutes."

"O.K. Thanks."

Jim had a new ten-speed and was making his first trips through hectic, heavy northeast Jackson traffic. He did not want me to be more uneasy than I was, so he let me know exactly which twenty-five minutes I needed to worry! Maybe that's respect, sort of?

I waited as the operator asked Bobby if he would accept a collect call from me, then said, "We're right on schedule and should get to Jackson about five tomorrow."

"Fine. We have the house fairly clean. Even the kitchen is clean, except that the sink is full of dirty dishes."

An involuntary moan escaped my throat, but I said, "O.K. See you tomorrow," after more conversation. The boys had been at home by themselves for about ten days, except for the week-end. I had shuddered to think what the house would look like when I got home from Glorieta, so I thought, Well, I guess a sinkful of dirty dishes may not be too bad. So I was quite surprised to walk into the kitchen and find it clean, even the dishes washed. Bobby said, "I thought that if I don't like to wash dishes, either, and knowing that you don't like to have to wash them when you come home, why should I leave them for you, so about 10:30 last night I came in and loaded as many as the dishwasher would hold and washed the rest by hand." Another bit of respect, maybe?

Last Thursday I was about to finish sweeping pine straw off the driveway and heard the phone ringing. I ran to get to it before it quit ringing and barely had enough breath to say, "lo."

"Hey, Mama. This is Frank."

"And how are you?" He had called the day before to let me know the astronomical figure on the check which he had written to pay for his first semester college fees so I could record it. I wondered if he were about to tell me more news of that sort.

"I made it through my first class. Western Civ. Dr. Howell. It was all right. I took about twelve pages of notes."

"You took twelve pages of notes?" "It was a little note pad." We talked very briefly and closed the conversation. Whether consciously or sub-consciously, Frank must have remembered how many times he had heard me say to myself as much as to anyone who might have been listening things like, I wonder how Jimbo made it through his first swimming lesson. I wonder how Bobby made it with his first week as counselor; I wonder how Daddy's services went today. He knew, whether he actually thought it in as many words, that his mother, as she swept pine straw, loaded the washer, and mopped the den floor, was wondering how Frank made it through his first class at college. So, he let her know at 9:30, after the class. Again respect, possibly?

However . . . Getting the yard mowed is still not easy. —Box 9151, Jackson, Ms. 39206.

THE GREAT CONFLICT by Ethel Barrett (Regal, 234 pp., \$1.95) A novel of the type of some of the allegories by John Bunyan, showing Satan's struggle for the possession of the soul. Written in such a manner that its message comes through clear and strong.

A SOURCE BOOK OF HUMOROUS STORIES by Leslie Flynn (Baker, 171 pp., \$2.95) Hundreds of good stories for use by speakers, and in other ways. The book is well classified so that the jokes and stories are under many different subjects.



Jackie Cooper, a student at Mississippi College, registers ladies who have come for the day of training at Garaywa.



Conference leaders this year included (left to right): Evelyn Tully, Acteens Consultant, WMU, SBC, Birmingham; Mrs. Robert Smira, WMU Director, First Church, Jackson; Mrs. Vernon May, State WMU President, Louisville; Mrs. Bob Calvert, Piedmont, Alabama.



WMU Year Books are a necessary item for the well-informed WMU worker. Pictured above, Mrs. Katie Ainsworth sells a Year Book to Mrs. Leo Jordan from Mt. Moriah Church in Lincoln Association.



The Baptist Book Store sets up a room of materials and helpful items each year at WMU Camp for the convenience of those who attend the conferences. Mrs. Anita Grobe, who is in charge of all WMU Materials for the Book Store, is pictured above assisting with a purchase.

1341 Attend WMU Camp -- 1973

By Barbara Taylor

Each year new leaders and workers are selected to carry on the work of Woman's Missionary Union in the local churches in Mississippi—and each year Mississippi WMU provides training and inspiration for these newly elected officers at an annual WMU Camp held at Camp Garaywa in Clinton.

Conferences for every age level director and leader are offered so that each woman will know exactly what is involved in her job for the coming year. Because of the training of the leaders in the local churches, more effective work is done and more Mississippi Baptists receive the important missions information provided through the program of WMU.

As women from all sections of the state gather at Garaywa, they share ideas, information, and experiences, and they learn from each other how various methods might be used. They enjoy the fellowship of other "WMU-ers" as they meet together for a day of study.

In addition to the training received, those who attend WMU Camp receive inspiration from missionaries who relate experiences and emphasize the importance of WMU's support of the missionaries who serve around the world under appointment by Southern Baptist Convention mission boards.

Inspiration, information, and fellowship are all contained in one day's program—and because of the interest of Mississippi women in Women's Missionary Union, missions information is shared with all ages in the local churches in Mississippi.

Committee To Oversee Church's Finances After Court Action

LYNCHBURG, Va. (RNS) — An independent Baptist church noted for spectacular membership growth and institutional expansion in its brief 17-year history has run into serious financial difficulty.

After court action brought by the Securities and Exchange Commission, five prominent Lynchburg businessmen from outside the church's membership have been appointed to oversee financial affairs for the Thomas Road Baptist church here.

They are to make reports on the church's progress every 90 days to U.S. District Court Judge James C. Turk.

At the court hearing (Aug. 10), however, the judge assured the church that "nothing has been said from the witness stand that in any way taints your good name."

"As far as this court can determine," he said, "there is no evidence of any intentional wrong-doing by the Thomas Road Baptist church."

Appointment of the five-man committee was a compromise proposed by the church and accepted by the SEC, which had, originally, charged that the church was suffering from "gross insolvency" and had asked the court to appoint a receiver to handle its finances.

In the compromise agreement, the SEC also agreed to delete references to "fraud and deceit" from its complaint. And Dr. Jerry Falwell, pastor of the church, said it was entering

into the agreement "neither admitting or denying any wrongdoing."

The SEC became involved because of two programs of bond sales carried out by the church — \$5.2 million in general obligation bonds sold in a campaign beginning in October 1971 and \$1.3 million of an intended \$2.5 million issue sold through the now-defunct Cooperative Church Finance, Inc., of Houston, beginning in October 1972.

Dr. Falwell said the general obligation bonds were to finance the broadcast of the Old Time Gospel Hour over 450 television stations until the program became self-sustaining, and that the other bonds were to finance new dormitories for Lynchburg Baptist College.

The four-year college, formed in 1971 and now reporting some 1,300 students, is one of several institutions organized by the church, whose membership now numbers about 13,000. Other institutions include a kindergarten through high school, Lynchburg Christian Academy, Thomas Road Bible Institute, for theological students without college degrees, and Lynchburg Baptist Theological Seminary, which is just opening.

In its complaint, the SEC charged that the church sold the general obligation bonds without issuing the prospectus that is required, and that the prospectus for the dormitory bonds gave incorrect information. The prospectus, the SEC objected, told prospective bond purchasers that the college was accredited when in fact it was not, and in a second issue of the prospectus \$1 million in stock was listed among the church's assets when in fact the stock had only been promised.

In a statement issued August 1, Dr. Falwell admitted that "the church did not have a prospectus for its general obligation bonds and the prospectus used for the Cooperative Church Finance bond sale may have been weak in certain respects," but he insisted that "there was no intentional fraud or deceit" and that "the church is not insolvent."

However, Dr. Falwell admitted the church had experienced a difficult period of "financial adjustment." This resulted largely, he said, from the church's action in voluntarily terminating all bond sales this past April 12, following a series of meetings with the SEC initiated by a SEC inquiry in December 1972.

A spokesman for the church said it had changed its method of operation so that it was no longer conducting programs on borrowed money, but was operating on a "pay as you go" basis.

A news report that the financial difficulties had led to a staff reduction of some 300, he said, referred to part-time student workers employed by the college.

He said the church was satisfied with the arrangement worked out through the court and did not feel this would interfere with the church's "spiritual programs" as being placed under a receiver would have done.

The church is confident that it will be able to pay off its bonds as they come due and meet all other financial obligations, he said.

In a recent promotional letter sent to the Old Time Gospel Hour mailing list, Dr. Falwell charged that the SEC has "spent months investigating and harassing this ministry and several other large ministries like ours."

"We have spent thousands of dollars in legal fees thus far to counteract their vicious and unfair charges against us," he said. "At this point we are thankful to report that God has wonderfully undertaken for us. We will win the battle!"

The letter went on to say that the college needed, "15,000 scholarships in the amount of \$100.00 each immediately."

If all passenger car occupants used safety belts at all times, nearly 10,000 lives would be saved each year, says the National Safety Council.

Students Decry Misuse Of Political Power

RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP) — A petition decrying misuse of political power in the United States was signed informally by 757 persons attending Baptist Student Week at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center here.

Signatures on the petition did not represent an official vote of the registrants at the student gathering, but they did encompass more than half of the 1,322 students who registered.

No specific mention was made of Watergate or any of its personalities. "We are not attacking Republicans or individuals, but are speaking to an issue," explained Stephen A. Hollaway, 21, a senior at Princeton University and immediate past Baptist Student Union president of the New York Baptist Convention.

The petition was circulated informally by a 15-member Baptist Student Union delegation from the New York Baptist Convention, which encompasses New York state and parts of New Jersey and Connecticut.

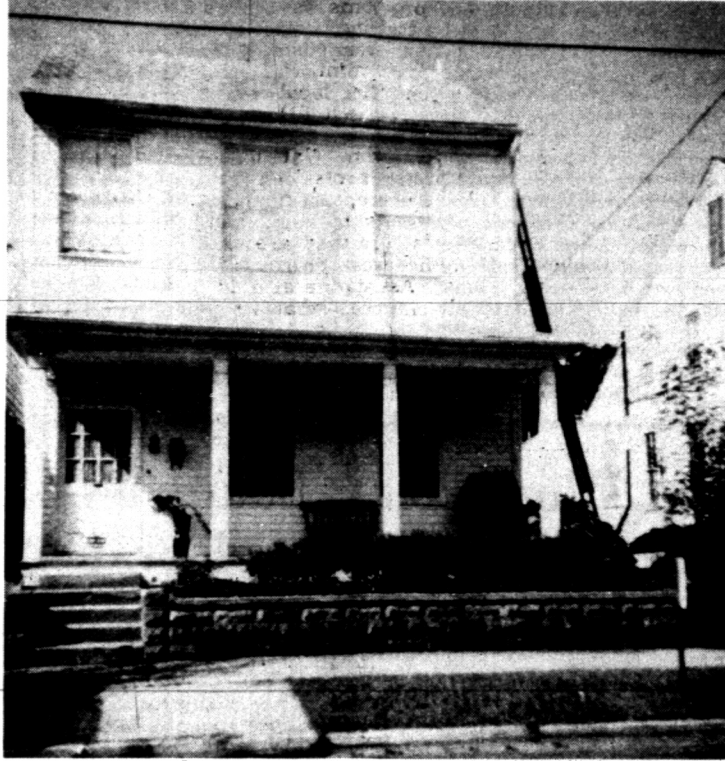
Oliver said he will send the petition, along with a cover letter to President Richard M. Nixon, and telegrams and copies of the petition to New York and New Jersey U. S. Congressmen and to the speaker of the House and president pro tem of the Senate.

Citing "widespread misuse of political power among elected officials and their appointees at all levels of government," the four-paragraph statement said, "we must insist that government refuse to continue evading this issue and that it begin an immediate personal and institutional self-evaluation of political ethics."

"The belief that these transgressions may have been 'traditional' in American politics provides no justification for such abuse since the powers entrusted to public officials have never legally exempted them from the law's reprimand," the statement said.

The statement further urged that "the image of servant" replace "the mistaken belief that men of leadership stand above the law."

"By redefining political power in terms of service, we hope that our leaders both meet the needs of the people and submit to their will as expressed by law," the statement said.



First, Natchez, To Offer Home To Missionaries On Furlough

UPON a recommendation from the Woman's Missionary Union of FIRST CHURCH, NATCHEZ, the church has voted to offer a "HOME FOR FURLOUGHING MISSIONARIES" for the next four years, effective September 1. The only cost to a missionary family will be utilities and telephone. A Committee was appointed, Mrs. Paul Green, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Swink Hicks, Mrs. Kelly Pyron, Judge Robert Barnes and Rev. Joe Hudson, who will work out the details with the cooperation of the Foreign Mission Board. Major and June McDaniel, recently appointed as missionary associates to Korea, will be able to return to Natchez and live in their own home (pictured above) during their furlough in 1977. Missionaries who are interested in occupying this house should contact one of the members of the committee in Natchez.

Snake-Handling: Judge Warns Preachers Supreme Court Upheld Ban In 1948 Ruling

NEWPORT, Tenn. (EP) — Two snake-handling preachers face almost certain jail terms because they vow they will continue to handle deadly serpents, "even if we are shot down before a firing squad or hung."

Circuit Judge George R. Shepherd Saturday sentenced the Rev. Liston Pack to 30 days in jail and fined him \$150, and the Rev. Alfred Ball to 20 days and a fine of \$100. The judge found Mr. Pack guilty of violating an injunction against handling snakes at the Holiness Church of God in Jesus' Name, in Carson Springs, on three occasions, and Mr. Ball guilty in two instances.

Judge Shepherd suspended the jail terms, but said he will impose them if either man handles snakes in the future.

College President A Mere Figurehead? Not At MC!

Today there seems to be a preconceived notion that college presidents are merely figureheads who sit in air-conditioned offices shuffling papers. NO SO! Dr. Lewis Nobles, president of Mississippi College, recalls having to write a paper during his senior year in high school on his philosophy of life and titled his paper, "You Help Yourself Most by Helping Others." Dr. Nobles still believes this, and more importantly, his life has been a continuing example of service to God and to others.

A firm believer that dedication is the key factor in a successful life, he feels that precept and example are the best methods of teaching. Upon being questioned about his long working hours (most often from 4 and 5 a.m. until late at night), he commented, "you can't expect others to do what you are not willing to do. God expects man to do his best, even if it takes 18 hours a day!"

Dr. Nobles received the B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Mississippi, holds the Ph.D. in pharmaceutical chemistry from the University of Kansas, and has done extensive postdoctoral study at the University of Michigan. He is a registered pharmacist and interestingly enough, so is his wife. Dr. Nobles discovered and holds the patent on the drug Propoquin which is 97-99% effective in killing two of the three major types of malarial parasites. The drug is used extensively in Central and South

America; he is currently involved in research sponsored by the Mississippi Heart Association to develop a simple synthetic substitute for the naturally obtained drug, digitalis.

Still quite active in pharmaceutical circles, Dr. Nobles is a much sought after panelist for drug workshops throughout the State and the United States. He is the author of some 80 articles which have appeared in professional and religious journals; is a member of Sigma Xi, Rho Chi (having received their highest award in 1969); American Pharmaceutical Association, Kappa Psi, and the New York Academy of Science.

Dr. Nobles became involved in administrative activities in 1960 when he was appointed dean of the Graduate School at the University of Mississippi after having taught for 12 years in the School of Pharmacy there.

When asked why he left a somewhat secure position in 1968 to accept the presidency of Mississippi College, he replied, "I believe in the Divine Call, even in a secular vocation." During his five years as president of the Baptist institution, he has served in many capacities as an administrator and educator including the positions as president of the Association of Southern Baptist Schools and Colleges, president of the Mississippi Association of Private Colleges, president of the Mississippi Foundation of Independent Colleges, member of the

Board of Trustees of New Orleans Seminary and the Clinton Public Schools and has been a panelist on the program of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. A Phi Delta Kappan, and well known in denominational and educational circles, Dr. Nobles is also quite active in civic and community affairs.

Despite his challenging travel schedule of 350,000 to 400,000 miles during the past five years, the president is always anxious to spend time with students. He never counsels with students "across the desk" but rather in a one-to-one situation seated next to the student — a fact which is often a bit baffling and sometimes disconcerting to faculty and students alike, but one which has come to be appreciated. In answer to the question, "Does your travel interfere with your campus work?" the president laughed and remarked, "When you need to be here, you need to be there! That's a dichotomy I've had to live with for the past 15 years."

In speaking about the future of Mississippi College, the president expressed great confidence in the continued growth of the college. "Over 100 years ago the Mississippi Baptist Convention stated that the purpose of Mississippi College was not only to prepare young men for the ministry — although this is an integral part of our function — but also provide a well rounded education in a mature Chris-

tian atmosphere for those entering the business and professional world as well." He states that a gradual rather than an accelerated growth is expected by the college and also stated that plans are being made for a School of Law, an advanced degree beyond the master's level in education and degrees in state and local government, urban and regional planning, and degrees in various allied health service fields. All these plans are expected to be put into operation within the next few years.



Chief and Counselor — President Nobles frequently serves as a sounding board for students. He is well known for his counseling technique with students and faculty — always a person to person relationship and no across the desk. Above Dr. Nobles discusses a news release with Barbara Street, a senior educational major who works in the Publications Office at Mississippi College.

Names In The News

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy J. Hartfield, Southern Baptist representatives to Mexico, were scheduled to arrive Aug. 10 for furlough in the States (address: 2334 Coronet Place, Jackson, Miss. 39204). Both Mississippians, he was born in Purvis and also lived near Hattiesburg; she is the former Susie Armstrong of Lamar County.

While on furlough for a year, Mr. Hartfield will be available for supply preaching. He may be reached at the above address or by phoning him at 372-1782.

Rev. Raymond A. Wilson, pastor of Five Points Church, Northport, Alabama for the past 18 months, formerly pastor of Calvary Church, Greenville, has resigned effective September 2 in order to accept the pastorate of the Trinity Southern Baptist Church, P. O. Box 1137, Casa Grande, Arizona 85222, which has a membership of approximately 650.

Mrs. Wilson is the former Shelby Nicholson of Philadelphia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Nicholson. Mr. Wilson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wilson of Newton. The Wilsons have three children: Susan, 8; Andy, 6; Jennifer, 21 months. During the past 18 months there have been 121 additions to the Five Points Church. Annual financial receipts have increased from approximately \$67,000 to \$90,000. A new education building has been constructed.

Rev. Sam E. Graham became the pastor of Riverside Heights Church, Tallahassee, Alabama on July 30. A native of Hattiesburg, he is a graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary. He has been pastored in Neely, Miss. and Alexander



City, Alabama and went to Riverside Heights from Camp Hill Church, Camp Hill, Alabama. He is married to the former Ida Mae Denley of Coffeeville. She is a graduate of Clarke and William Carey and has attended Auburn University. They have a son, Scott, 8, and two daughters, Melony 5, and Michelle 15 months.

Mrs. N. Hoyt Eudaly, formerly of First Church, Gulfport, has been listed in the 1974-75 edition of "Who's Who Among American Women." She edits children's literature for the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Tex., and has written children's books in Spanish and English. Rev. and Mrs. Eudaly were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1948 as representatives to Mexico, and transferred in 1952 to the publishing house, where he is sales and distribution director.

Rev. R. H. Falwell Jr., missionary associate to Hong Kong, was scheduled to arrive Sept. 6 for furlough in the States (address: Union Avenue Baptist Church, 2181 Union Ave., Memphis, Tenn. 38104). His wife, the former Rowena Gunter of Sallis, Ms., had already arrived in the States.



Strayhorn Church, Tate County, recently ordained Ronnie Smith and William Lowe as deacons. Left to right, above, are Rev. Arnold Clayton of Flag Lake Church, who gave the charge to the deacons, Mr. Smith, Mr. Lowe, and Rev. Cecil Cole, Strayhorn pastor, who preached the ordination sermon.

Two Doctor of Theology degree graduates of New Orleans Seminary, Dr. Charles S. Davis, pastor of First Church, Crowley, La., and Dr. Franklin Atkinson, pastor of University Park Church in San Antonio, Tex., have been named to the faculty of separate Baptist Colleges. Dr. Davis, who earned his Th.D. from New Orleans in 1971, will begin teaching in the Department of Religion at Mississippi College this fall. Dr. Atkinson will be teaching Bible and Greek at East Texas Baptist College in Marshall. He received the Th.D. degree from New Orleans in 1968 and has been pastor of churches in Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.

Happy to be back at William Carey College is mathematics assistant professor Warner Fellabaum. Fellabaum taught in Carey's department of mathematics for four years prior to a one-year stint in the public school system of Springfield, Colorado. He has returned to the Carey faculty this summer. He holds the master of mathematics degree from the University of South Carolina.

Ken Taylor, paraphraser of The Living Bible, was honored by Thomas Nelson, Inc., at the recent Christian Booksellers Association Convention in Dallas by being named recipient of the first Nelson Bible Award. The award is acclaimed by many as the highest honor in the religious field. Maxey Jarman, well-known Christian businessman, made the presentation. He said, "No other endeavor on the part of one man in modern times has caused so many people to read the Word of God with understanding as has Ken's outstanding work."

Rev. David Perry, pastor of Woolmarket Church, Biloxi, has been selected to appear in the 1973 edition of OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN OF AMERICA. A graduate of Clarke and William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary, he has held former pastorates at Leaf; Unity (Greene); and Big Level, Wiggins. He is married to the former Faye Hennis of Vinegar Bend, Alabama.

Miss Nancy Chamberlain of Grenada, was scheduled to depart in August for a two-year term of service as a missionary journeyman (address: Casilla 285, La Plata, Buenos Aires, Argentina). Before she was employed in July by the Foreign Mission Board as a teacher of missionary children in Argentina, she was a counselor for Coffeeville (Miss.) Consolidated School District. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Chamberlain of Grenada.

Jerry Mixon has just completed his first six months in the ministry of full-time evangelism. During this time 484 decisions have been recorded for the cause of Christ. Among those decisions were 98 youth who are now seeking leadership for fulltime Christian service. There have been 91 people saved and over 60 additions by letter. Three have been called to preach and many rededications. In a recent interview Mr. Mixon said, "Evangelism in the New Testament seems to have been the local church. I am a church evangelist. My ministry seeks to enlist the local believer to become active in his normal activities by sharing his personal faith. The only hope for evangelism is the revival of the local church." He and his wife Vicki along with their two children now make their home in Petal. He is the resident evangelist of Petal Harvey Church. Pastors interested in contacting Mr. Mixon may write him at P. O. Box 191, Petal, Ms., or call 584-5698.



29 Years Perfect
Boyce Cook was recently awarded his 29-year pin for perfect Sunday School attendance. Mr. Cook is a member of Star Church. He is married and has one son. Mrs. Dell Lee is Sunday School Director at Star and Buford Pierce is Mr. Cook's Sunday School teacher. Rev. A. J. Pace has been pastor of Star Church for the past five and one-half years. Above, left to right, are Mrs. Cook, Mr. Cook, Mrs. Lee, and Pastor Pace.

Joseph McDonald III (Mac) Ernest has been named top scholar for the 1973 graduating class which received degrees at William Carey College in May. Ernest, who did not complete his studies until the summer session, accumulated an overall average for his four years of academic work of 3.97 out of a possible 4.00. The son of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Ernest, Jr., Mac has accepted a teaching position in the Lucedale, Mississippi public school system. His future plans include graduate studies in medical school. At Carey Ernest majored in English and minored in French. Last summer he spent a month in France as a Rotary Exchange student.

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First, Moss Point, Launches Year Of Centennial Celebration

First Church, Moss Point, has launched a year of centennial celebration, beginning Sunday, September 2. Owen Cooper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Dr. Van Hardin, former pastor, were guest speakers during the day. George Van Egmond, former minister of music, was guest musician. An "Old Harp Singing" in the afternoon followed dinner on the grounds.

According to the pastor, Rev. Bob C. Perry, other major events are planned for the church's centennial year — September 2, 1973 — September 1, 1974. On September 30 of this year, Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board, will be the featured speaker. Other events scheduled will include a lay witness weekend in November, groundbreaking for a Family Life Center possibly in January; a home missions drama in February; a Bible conference in March, with Dr. Ray Robbins of New Orleans Seminary as the teacher; Easter Cantata and spring revival in April; and youth revival in July.

The all-day Centennial Celebration Climax is to be on September 1 of next year. A church history will then be presented, and old-fashioned dresses will be worn for the special day. Dr. W. L. Staggs, former pastor, and Troy Sandifer, former minister of music, as well as other speakers yet to be announced, will be on program.

Committee members involved in planning these activities are: J. C. Hassell, Chairman; Mrs. W. W. Russum, secretary; C. D. Faggard; Graham Rape; Mrs. Leonard Robinson; Mr. and Mrs. T. L. DeLashmet, Sr.; Mrs. W. H. Nelson, Sr.; Mrs. John Lamey; Mrs. R. G. Taylor; Mrs. J. T. Thompson; Mrs. F. W. Canfield; Linwood Johansson; Mrs. W. F. McLeod; Rev. Bobby Perry; J. T. Hannaford; and David Priddy.

As the committee began the Centennial planning they learned that a group of Baptists began meeting in the home of Mr. Price on September 23, 1873. It was not until September 6, 1874 that this group met in the Methodist Church and organized the Moss Point Baptist Church. With these two dates in mind, the committee decided that the celebration should reflect upon both of these significant dates. Therefore, the final product of the committee planning is to launch the celebration in conjunction with the September '73 date and climax with the September '74 date.

The committee chose Labor Day Sunday of both years since the holiday week-end would offer out-of-town guests a better opportunity to attend.

Evangelistic Crusade Planned In Nigeria

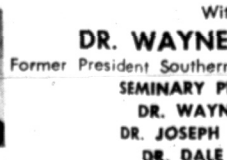
Emogene Harris, missionary from Mississippi serving in Onitsha, Nigeria, has made a special prayer request: October 14 through November 4, a Baptist Evangelistic Crusade will be held in Onitsha. Visiting laymen and pastors from America will be going to help in the meetings.

"This is a very big thing for our two small churches," says Miss Harris. "There is much we need to do to prepare for it. Pray for us and thank God for what He is going to do during those three weeks."

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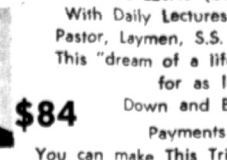
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First, Mendenhall Sends Scholarship Check To Former Pastor's Daughter

Burnell Walker, left, Chairman of Deacons at First Church, Mendenhall, hands to the pastor, Rev. James E. Smith, a check to be mailed to Lynn Odenwald. This check is from a scholarship fund which members of the church have established for each of the four children of the late Bob Odenwald. Mr. Odenwald was pastor of First, Mendenhall, when he died in 1966. Lynn is the oldest child and has enrolled in Baylor University where her mother is also enrolled, working toward a Ph.D. This scholarship fund will provide a similar check each semester for Lynn, as well as for each of the other children when they finish high school and enter college.

Members of First, Mendenhall, have had a deep interest in the edu-

cational and financial needs of pastors' children. Kent and Keith Davis, sons of the late N. F. Davis, Jr., have received scholarship checks from the church for several years. Mr. Davis was pastor at First, Mendenhall, when he died in 1968.

Members of the church are presently setting up a scholarship fund for Nan Howard, daughter of the late Terry Howard. Mr. Howard died just last month, while pastor of Main Street Church, Mendenhall. (Main Street began as a mission of First Church.) Nan is a member at First Church and has enrolled as a freshman at Mississippi College.

Members of the church are also providing a Cooperative Scholarship for Rickie Harvey at Clarke College. Rickie, a member at First Church, has surrendered his life to full-time Christian service. "The church considers this an investment in vocational Christian leadership as well as an encouragement to Rickie as he trains for Christian service," states the pastor.

Revival Dates

Macedonia (Lebanon): September 9-16; Rev. J. R. Boutwell, Picayune, evangelist; Toby Rowell of Hattiesburg, singer; Rev. Richard White, pastor.

Bethel Church, Whitfield Road Rankin County: September 10-16; Rev. Elton Moore, pastor; Rev. Henry J. Bennett, pastor of the Byram Church, Jackson, evangelist; Bob Jones, minister of music at the Main Street Church of Hattiesburg, singer; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; "Dinner on the Ground" Sunday, September 16. The public is invited.

First, Hazlehurst: Sept. 9-12; Rev. Buddy Mathis, Pascagoula, evangelist; Donald Brown, Hazlehurst, singer; Roy Daughdrill, organist; O'Hara Whittington, pianist; Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekday services 7 p.m.; Rev. George E. Meadows, pastor.

Florence: TSept. 9-14; services Sunday 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; daily at 7:30 p.m.; Old Fashioned Dinner - on-the-Ground Sunday Rev. Hiram L. Campbell, Sr., pastor, Calvary, New Orleans, evangelist; music under direction of Gary S. Smith; Martha Ann Courtney, organist; Mrs. John Gandy, pianist; Rev. M. R. Bradley, pastor.

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God's Wisdom For Man's Folly

By Clifton J. Allen
I Corinthians 1:18 to 3:23

Paul's preaching never deviated from the central message of Christ. But his preaching in Corinth was in an atmosphere somewhat affected by Jewish tradition and largely influenced by Greek thought. The quick-witted culture of Corinth exalted the wisdom of the world, and the viewpoint of the Jews was bound by their traditional religious concepts. Paul interprets something of the way in which he began his ministry in Corinth, of the problem he encountered, and of the necessity to deal with his hearers on the level of their limited understanding of spiritual realities and with a view to helping them grow in understanding of the Christian faith and of their calling as the children of God.

The Lesson Explained

The Cross — Stumbling Block or Folly (I Cor. 1:18-23)

Paul's preaching about the cross seemed to be folly to the secular minded and spiritually confused people in Corinth. Men through human wisdom could not understand. God, could not find God, could not be set right with God. It was necessary for Christ to come as the revelation of God and for him to give his life for

the sins of the world in order for men to be reconciled to God and to experience his salvation. The Jews could not conceive of the Messiah in terms of death at the hands of his enemies, especially death by shameful crucifixion. They expected the Messiah to be a king. The Greeks could not conceive of God as coming in flesh and as identifying himself with his people by death for their sins. The whole message of the cross seemed absolutely But Paul resolutely and wisely proclaimed the truth of Christ crucified as the expression of the wisdom of God and the goodness of God.

Christ — The Power And Wisdom God (I Cor. 1:24-25)

What God did in Christ made its appeal to persons with open minds, that is, to persons willing to receive the word of the cross, willing to be judged by the cross, and willing to be involved in and identified with the cross. Hence, Paul could say, unto those who are called, those willing to believe. Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. Christ was the power of God in that he was the power of goodness over evil, the power of love over hate, and the power of life over death. In the eyes of men the cross seemed to be nonsense and absurdity. God not sparing his only Son, God making him sin who knew no sin "that we might

be made the righteousness of God in him." But what seemed to be foolishness was infinite wisdom, and what seemed to be weakness was the power of omnipotence. We have salvation in Jesus Christ. He is for us, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

The Deep Things of God (:9-1)

In the opening verses of chapter 2 Paul reviews again the emphasis of his preaching in Corinth. He went on to say that his preaching had made known the secret or hidden wisdom of God, one which the worldly-minded rulers of this age had not understood, even the deep things of God revealed by the Spirit. The deep things of God cannot be comprehended by human wisdom or the ingenuity of human research. They must be comprehended by revelation from God, by receiving the truth through the Spirit. The deep things of God are the eternal verities of the Christian faith. These are the realities of grace and redemption, the realities of reconciliation and forgiveness, and the realities of our Christian calling and our Christian hope. The Spirit of God dwells in us that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God and God's purpose for us in terms of fellowship with him and service to others in the name of Christ.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Jeremiah: Through Judgment To Redemption

Jeremiah 17:9-11; Jeremiah 31:1-3, Jeremiah 31:34
By Bill Duncan

Have you ever heard anyone call Jeremiah "a weeping prophet"? Tears are usually the result of depression. If there ever was a person who had reason to be depressed it was Jeremiah.

Dr. Streeke in the handbook on Jeremiah of the Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges quotes Lord Macaulay. "It is difficult to conceive any situation more painful than that of a great man condemned to watch the lingering agony of an exhausted country, to tend it during the alternate fits of stupefaction and raving which precede its dissolution, and to see the symptoms of validity disappear one by one till nothing is left but coldness, darkness and corruption."

No prophet had a more thankless task than Jeremiah and none were more faithful than he was true in his ministry. It was his to stand in the way over which the nation was rushing headlong to destruction. He tried to speak to the nation and stop it or turn it back. But he failed and had to step to one side and see his own people go into ruin. This prophet was not hard-hearted but tender so the tears were shed in depression.

The purpose of the book of Jeremiah is seen in chapter one, verse ten. He "was set over the nations" and so to prophesy concerning other nations as well as Judah "to destroy, to overthrow, to build, and to plant." Thus he was constructive as well as destructive.

Jeremiah was a preacher and teacher who gave his messages to Baruch, a scribe, to write and put in the present form. His messages as a preacher usually started with some simple story or illustration and proceeded with deliberate applications to the lives of hearers or readers.

Jeremiah belonged to a family of priests from Anathoth near Jerusalem; therefore his ministry was largely in Jerusalem. He began his ministry in the thirteenth year of Josiah's reign about 627 B.C. and continued till sometime after the destruction of Jerusalem at least 586 B.C.

The book of Jeremiah is divided into three parts. The first chapter serves as the introduction and gives the call of the prophet. Chapters 2-29 treat the coming captivity of Judah and the reason for it. The next part is chapters 30-33 which set forth the restoration of all Israel as assured by the promises of God. The restoration is as logical as the coming captivity. The last part is miscellaneous messages to Jews and other nations.

Since the days of Jeremiah all the externals have changed. Ideals, habits, manners, customs are different. But the main problem is rebellion against the will of God. The sins of men today are more subtle, but none the less persistent. The judgments of God are of another means but none the less sure. To those who attempt to help people on their way to ruin, the heartache is still there.

Any student of human behavior will understand the experience of Jeremiah. He saw that the people were a combination of angel and beast. Outwardly the people of Judah were paying homage to God but in the inner life, motive and purpose they failed to relate properly to God.

Jeremiah said "the heart is deceitful." Not only is a man a weak individual, but he is selfish at the core. Therefore, he always falls short of God's goal for his life. The word for deceitful comes from the same word that described Jacob the supplanter. Man tries to deceive God as if it could escape His notice. Man is de-

scribed as desperately wicked, which means incurable. Man cannot change his nature by himself. So much of the work man does to project a different image only brings more frustrations. Jeremiah put his finger on the center of man's problem when he described man as a sinner.

Today we have attempted to change the image of man to attempt to help him. But because man is out of a right relationship with God, he is wrong with the creation and fellow human beings. A man is more than sick; he is a rebel. He is more than in need of love by case workers. He needs to accept the love of God.

A city tourist was trying to clear up a muddy stream of water to make it safe for drinking. He heard a noise behind him and turned to see a hill farmer eyeing his efforts with humor. "Stranger," the backwoodsman said, "that water will clear up if you'll run the hog out of the spring."

Because God is holy and just, sin will be punished. Judah had sinned against God and would reap the sorrow and pain of sin. The coming captivity, destruction of Jerusalem, and punishment was to try and get Judah to return to God. God wanted the nation to love him and serve him.

Jeremiah's prophecy was that Judah and all of Israel would be renewed in covenant love. The hand of divine judgment was to help the people return to Him. The prediction of judgment was certain. The prediction of restoration was as equal to be certain as the judgment.

Israel gratefully acknowledged God's past judgment of the time in the wilderness. So God is saying that I love you now with the same love as of old when God led them out of the wilderness. God's love is from everlasting to everlasting meaning he will not change. The purpose of God's

love is to love them back to a right position of love and honor.

This is one of the strongest passages on the love of God in the Old Testament. This is the foundation for the new covenant which God would make with the new people of God.

Man's only hope was the new covenant to take the place of the one made at Sinai. Jeremiah described it as follows: (1) spiritual 31:31-33, (2) unanimous 31:34, (3) permanent 31:35-40.

The new covenant will be written in the hearts of the people. There will be no more dependence upon the ritual or outward symbolism of the temple. The covenant will never be broken as was the one at Sinai. This expression of the unimpeachable sanctity of the promises of God concerning the restoration of Israel as a nation. This new covenant is a classic illustration of the spiritual relationship God has with all men who trust him, but it is primarily an assurance of Israel's restoration as a nation.

Man's only hope is in the love of God and the security of the new covenant that God guaranteed. To know God as a judge brings respect. To know God in forgiveness brings hope.

Jeremiah was a prophet who spoke of the punishment of sin and at the same time held out a hope for the individual. When a person by faith accepts God as love and puts out the trust to accept forgiveness, salvation is received. This salvation is not depending on the character and faithfulness of God.

Where is your hope? Are you depending on what you can work out? Do you think God will really punish you for your sins? No one can get by with God. Your heart is deceitful and you are incurable without God's love and forgiveness.



Eret (Wayne) Dedicates Pastorium

Eret Church, Wayne County, has erected a new pastorium. Pictured above at the dedication service are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Odom, Edgar Taylor, Glen Taylor (not present, Junior Haggon), these composing the Building Committee; Rev. Wilson W. Boggan, associational missionary, who delivered the dedicatory message; and Rev. L. J. Fairchild, interim pastor.

Twenty % To Be Under 30 At Lausanne Congress

LAUSANNE (Switzerland) — It is expected that some 600 participants at the 1974 International Congress on World Evangelization will be under thirty years of age, said Director Donald E. Hoke. Speaking from the Lausanne office already set up to prepare for the Congress next summer, Dr. Hoke underlined the care taken by the Planning Committee to ensure that representatives would reflect the whole Church in the whole world. Quotas had been laid down for this purpose, and involvement would cover a fair proportion of women, layfolk, evangelists, missionaries, and theological educators, among others.

Asked how participants are being selected, the director said that national advisory committees had been established to make confidential recommendations to the Planning Committee for final decision. Those to be invited must be convinced evangelicals, influential in some sphere of Christian work in the country where they are serving. Their total number is expected to be 3,000, ranging from 946 from Europe to one from the Pacific island kingdom of Tonga.

Also in attendance at Lausanne would be 500 others — 300 from the mass media, and 200 observers in categories such as leadership in large organizations and denominations who would not otherwise qualify as participants. In addition, a small number of visitors is expected.

Questioned about financial arrangements, Dr. Hoke said that those from the more affluent countries would be expected to pay their own way, while those from less highly developed areas would be subsidized to the degree necessary. Circumstances differed widely, but no one from needy areas of the world would be precluded from coming to Lausanne on financial grounds only. The Planning Committee were nonetheless hopeful that a substantial part of the Congress expenses would be raised from participants and through other sources.

Glendale Calls Stewart As Pastor

Dr. Don H. Stewart has accepted the call to be regular pastor of First Church, Glendale, where he has been interim pastor since December. He will remain as chairman of the department of religion and philosophy at William Carey College.

The church will appoint a committee immediately to secure a fulltime minister of education and youth, Dr. Stewart and his family will move into the church pastorium.

For ten years he has been on the faculty at William Carey. Before this time he served as pastor of Perkinson Church.

He received the BA degree from William Carey and BD and ThD degrees from New Orleans Seminary.

He is married to the former Mona Daughdrill of Lumberton, graduate of William Carey and New Orleans Seminary. They have three children; Jimmy, 14; Sandra, 11; and Donna, 10.

The Glendale church recently paid expenses for the Stewarts to travel to Montana, where Dr. Stewart led the adult Bible study for the annual Baptist encampment. Last summer the church sent several of its young people to work in Bible schools in Montana.

Metairie, La.

Homecoming Oct. 21

Metairie Church, Metairie, La., is planning to observe a day of Homecoming on October 21, 1973.

A history of the church, which is located in the suburbs of New Orleans, is being written and will be published in time for distribution on this date set aside to honor those who have had a part in making this church what it is today, after forty-three years of organized work. Mrs. A. D. Ellis, Jr. is the historian.

All former pastors have been invited. Former church members and former staff members are also asked to join in the day's events.

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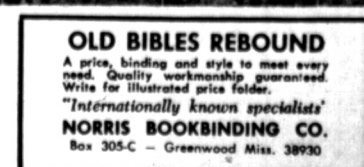
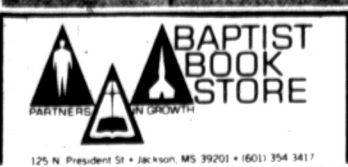
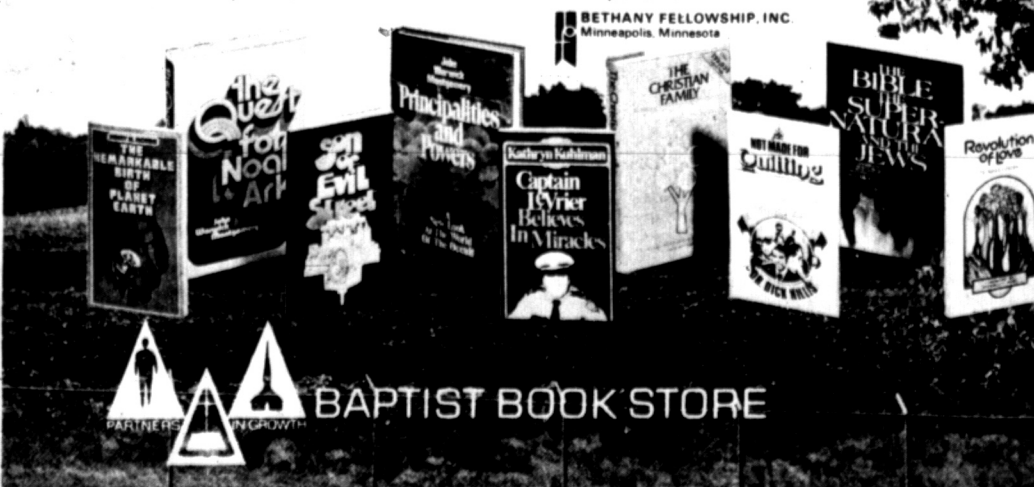
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First, Holly Springs, Begins Activity Building

On August 5 the groundbreaking ceremony for the Family Activity Building, First Church, Holly Springs, was held, followed by Dinner on the Grounds. The day had been designated as Fund Raising Day to raise \$185,000 for this building; \$15,000.00 was raised and about \$20,000 had been pledged by Sept. 1. This building is to be completed by December 1, 1973. Left to right above are

Robert P. Dent, Bldg. Committee member; Guy Palmer, Chairman of Building Committee; Rev. Tommy Tutor, pastor; Ralph Thomason, Minister of Music and Youth; Gordon Sigman, Chairman of Fund Raising Committee; Rev. Arthur Leslie, Marshall Association missionary; and Charles Morrow, chairman of deacons.

"Context" To Follow Life And Work Series

NASHVILLE — Beginning in October, 1973, "Context," the Sunday School quarterly for college students, will follow the Life and Work Series according to Richard Harmon, new "Context" editor for the Sunday School Board.

Teachers of college students will be able to use the regular Life and Work teachers' quarterly and other teaching helps. Until October, "Context" has had its own unique content and few teachers' helps were available, which was a handicap to many teachers using the college materials.

"Context" is designed especially for college students and contains illustrations and applications that relate to the college setting. Churches should provide a copy of "Context" to college students in the Sunday School to help them apply the Bible to problems and opportunities of college life.

College teachers may now use "The Adult Bible Teacher," "Advanced Bible Study," "Life and Work Lesson Recording," "Test Your Knowledge: Life and Work" and the "Adult Life and Work Lesson Annual" as helps in using "Context."

Sign on a church bulletin board: "Redemption Center — No Stamps needed."

Devotional

Complete Joy

By Gus Merritt, Pastor, First Church, Lexington
I John 1:4,7

So many people today lack a sense of joy and freedom. This lack of joy is more clearly evident in their response to worship.

Joy is a sense of well being which produces security. It is dependent upon our relationship to God through the Lord Jesus Christ and not on surroundings and circumstances.

When our relationship to God is right we will be "walking in the light." Light dispels darkness and gloom as well as illuminating our walk. Light is positive and characterizes God. It speaks of God's holiness. God's holiness compels us to be holy. In Amos 3:3 we are asked, "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" Of course, we are made holy through the blood of Jesus Christ as it continually cleanses us from all sin. This cleansing is not automatic. Confession of sin is essential for this cleansing (I John 1:9).

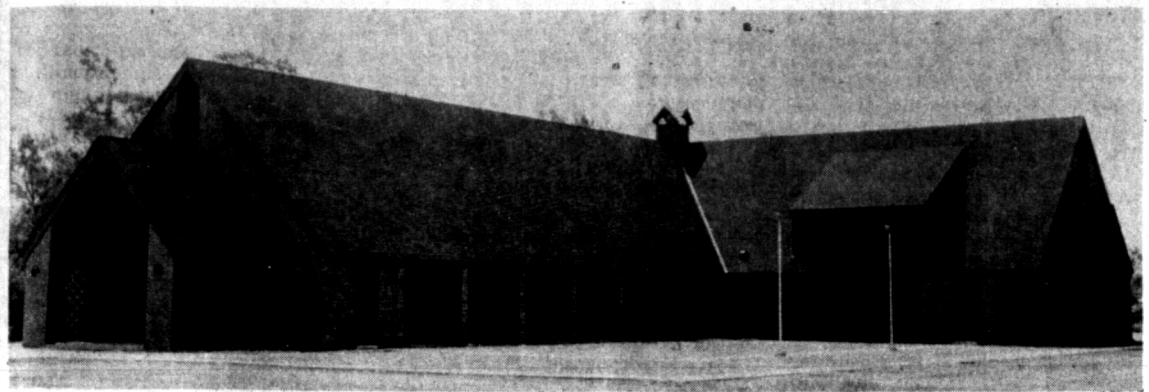
There is no way we can walk in the light without our sins being exposed by the light of God's holiness. Our continued walk is dependent upon our immediate acknowledgment, repentance and confession of sin. To confess is to agree with God about sin in our lives.

Another aspect of having our joy made complete through a right relationship with God is a right relationship with one another. The outward evidence of a right relationship with God is a right relationship with other believers. A person at peace with God is at peace with himself and with others.

The word "walk" means an ordered way of life. It is an active word which signifies a consistent and continuous way of life. This kind of life influences others to come to Christ. With so much instability in life today, the world of mankind is looking for something stable. When others see we are secure in Christ they will hear us when we witness.



John 1:9.



1st, Inverness To Dedicate Building, Constructed After Tornado

On Sunday, September 9, members of First Church, Inverness, will dedicate new facilities which replace the church buildings destroyed by a tornado on February 21, 1971. At the eleven o'clock hour the church will dedicate these new buildings to God for worship and

service. Open House will be held between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m. An organ dedication service will follow at 5 p.m. with concert featuring William C. Day of Memphis. Dr. John R. Cobb is the pastor.

Called To Louisiana

Rev. Ralph H. Scott has resigned First Church, Bude, and has become pastor of First Church, Harahan, Louisiana.



Mr. Scott is a native of Alabama. He began his schooling at Clarke College in the ninth grade at the age of 27 and was graduated from Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary, with a Th. M. Honors Program degree.

He is presently enrolled to work on a Master of Religious Education degree, enroute to a doctor of education in the field of counseling.

At Bude for four years, he has led the church there in construction of a new \$92,000 church building. The church owes about \$12,000 of that amount now, which it expects to pay off this fall. Recently the members bought a bus.

Mr. Scott is married to the former Edner Mae Meadows of Magee. Mrs. Scott has taught thirteen years in Mississippi, mostly in first grade. She has done postgraduate work at Mississippi College and U.S.M. She will work with Preschool children at the Educational Center on the Seminary campus this year.

The Scotts have three daughters: Carolyn Ann, MC graduate, now working at Riverside Hospital in Jackson; Mrs. Glynn (Gloria) Murray, who with her husband will be juniors at U.S.M. this fall; and Opal, a freshman in high school in New Orleans. The Scotts reside at 4427-D Seminary Place, New Orleans, Louisiana 70126.

'Decision' Sets Chinese Language Edition

MINNEAPOLIS—(RNS) — Decision magazine, the publication of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association is launching a Chinese edition. Printed in Hong Kong, it will be circulated there, in Taiwan, Malaysia, Singapore; to Chinese communities around the world, including the United States, and perhaps eventually in China.

2 ROB CHURCH AFTER PASTOR ASKS IF THEY WANT TO TALK

DETROIT (RNS)—Clergymen often stress the values of congregational participation in worship. But the Rev. T. E. Edmonson of the Sharon Primitive Baptist church here has also become aware of its dangers.

After preaching at his East Side storefront church, he asked if anyone in the congregation had anything to say. When no one responded, Mr. Edmonson singled out two young men who had come in late. "Maybe these two young men have something to say," he said encouragingly.

One shook his head, but then the other said he had something to say. "This is a stickup," he announced, pulling out a pistol. The two young men then took \$70.50 from the collection plate and \$10 from Mr. Edmonson's wallet and left without waiting for the benediction.

Wm. Carey Again To Offer Three Tuition-Free Evening Courses

William Carey College will again offer three tuition-free evening classes this fall, beginning September 4, according to Dr. J. M. Ernest, academic vice-president. Two Bible courses and one music course will be offered free-of-charge to all area church members who are interested in preparation for better service to their local churches.

"A simple scholarship form is available by phone or mail, which is all of the requirement necessary for enrolling," added Dr. Ernest. "The scholarship form must be signed by a pastor." These forms may be presented to the professor at the opening session of the class.

Dr. Jerry Oswalt, a ThD from the

New Orleans Baptist Seminary will teach Old Testament Survey on Thursday evenings from 6 until 9 p.m. in Ross Lecture Hall in Green Science Building. Dr. Dorman Laird will teach the Minor Prophets also on Thursday evenings from 6 until 9 p.m. in Room 226, Green Science Building. Dr. James Casey will offer the course Music Appreciation on Tuesday evenings at the same time in Thomas Fine Arts Building, Room 226.

The first meeting of the Music Appreciation class is Tuesday, September 4, while both Bible classes will begin on Thursday evening, September 6. It is possible to enroll as late as September 11 and 13 and still be accepted.

Individualized Study Provides Diploma For Alaskan



Darby Moore, from Kenai, Alaska, was recently granted her Associate in Arts degree from Clarke College in a special presentation made by Dr. W. L. Compere, college president, and Academic Dean Victor Vaughn.

Coming to Newton in the summer of 1972, Miss Moore wanted to complete her degree work at Clarke in the shortest possible time before moving on to a senior college. How-

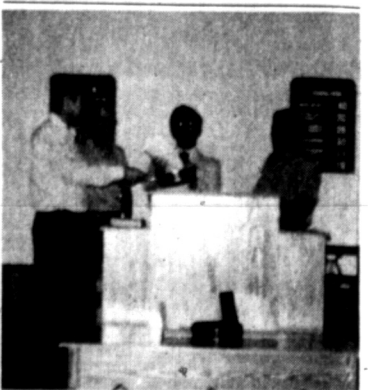
ever, it was simply impossible to schedule all the class sessions that would be needed to accomplish that goal in the space of two summers and one full academic session. Through Clarke's innovative Individualized Study Program, the vivacious co-ed added classes to her schedule that would otherwise have been denied her.

The Program, which is administered by Academic Dean Victor Vaughn, is designed to be as flexible as the needs of the individual students who utilize it. Miss Moore's use of the program enabled her to graduate, and she did so with honors! According to the Dean, "this outstanding young lady completed over one-half of her summer's work this year through Individualized Study, and she did very fine work."

Widely-known throughout Newton and the state during her studies at Clarke, the talented Miss Moore utilized her speaking and singing talents as she worked through the medium of her ventriloquist's dummy, Stanley.

Miss Moore will be continuing her college career at East Texas Baptist College, in Marshall, Texas.

If food had risen since 1952 at the same rate as wages in industry, a quart of milk would cost 55c in the store, a dozen eggs would sell for \$1.61, and a whole, dressed frying chicken would cost \$1.46 per pound.



Rocky Branch Burns Note

The new and modern red brick education building at Rocky Branch Church, Bruce, in Calhoun County, is now paid for. On August 12 the church held a special noteburning service. Pictured are members of the Building Committee and the pastor. Left to right are Mike Young, Walter Stribbling, Rev. Wayne Marshall, pastor, and Pat Ferguson. The church is beginning to make plans for a new \$25,000 sanctuary.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Friendship (Grenada Asso.): Rev. A. M. Moore, III, evangelist; Hal Bates, singer; Rev. Darrell Briscoe, pastor; one surrendering to the gospel ministry; 47 rededications; six additions by letter; eight professions of faith; one surrendering for missions work.

Check This List You May Be Next!

Next Week's Schedule Pastor-Church Training Director Conferences

"What's New For 1973-74"

Association	Meeting Place	Conference Leader
Choctaw Association	September 10, Monday	David Roddy
Greene Association	Ackerman Church	Norman A. Rodgers
Grenada Association	Neely Church	R. Kenneth Miller
Panola Association	Emmanuel Church	George Caldwell
Sharkey Issaquena	First Church, Sardis	Bill Latham
	East Morton Church	Kermit S. King
	First Church, Rolling Fork	
Lawrence Association	September 11, Tuesday	Norman A. Rodgers
Mississippi Association	Carmel Church	Bill Latham
Pontotoc Association	East Fork Church	George Caldwell
Tallahatchie Association	West Heights Church	Bill Hardy
Tate Association	Sumner Church	Kermit S. King
Yalobusha Association	Arkabutla Church	R. Kenneth Miller
	Coffeeville Church	
Adams-Union Assoc.	September 13, Thursday	Bill Latham
Leake Association	Washington Church	George Caldwell
Noxubee Association	First Church, Carthage	Norman A. Rodgers
Pearl River Association	Concord Church	Kermit S. King
Yazoo Association	Roseland Park Church	R. Kenneth Miller
	First Church, Yazoo City	
	Lawrence 7:50 p.m. Others 7:30 p.m.	

Conference Leaders

George Caldwell, Director, Alabama Church Training Department; Kenneth Miller, Associate Director, Alabama Church Training Department; Bill Hardy, Minister of Education, First Baptist Church, Kosciusko; David Roddy, Minister of Education, First Baptist Church, Jackson; Kermit S. King, Norman Rodgers, and Bill Latham, Mississippi Church Training Department.

Off The Record

Down in a little town in Virginia a guide was showing a stranger the advantages of the community. He finally came to a tall oak tree in the village square. "Yonder," he said, "in the sheltering branches of that oak tree lies the laziest man in this country."

"Oh, now," said the stranger charitably, "you may be harsh in your judgment. After all, it's a hot day. What's the harm in catching a little nap?"

"Nap, shucks!" snapped the guide. "Do you know how that lazy loafer got up into that tree? Thirty years ago he laid himself down on an acorn!"

A telephone operator answered a call from an outdoor booth. A voice requested a long distance number.

"What number are you calling from?" asked the operator. There was no reply so she added helpfully, "It's there on the dial."

After a long pause the voice replied, "1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-0."

High school principal, speaking to a group of businessmen: "We require our boys to take English class for four years. We believe they should learn to speak a language other than their own."

Pam, a little girl in the second grade, enjoyed numbers. One day she announced to her family that she could now count up to 7,000. After awhile she became very thoughtful and finally asked: "What happens after 7,000? Do the numbers just stop?"

Her father assured her they didn't stop, but went on to infinity.

That evening as Pam climbed the stairs to bed, her astonished family heard her counting thoughtfully, "Infinity and one, infinity and two, infinity and three . . ."

Zion, Mobile, To Observe 125th Year

Zion Church, 2514 Halls Mill Road, Mobile, Alabama, invites all friends and former members to their 125th anniversary observance on Sunday, September 16, according to the pastor, Rev. Roscoe C. Wentworth.

The day's events will include a 9 a. m. reception for former members (doughnuts and coffee); Sunday school; morning worship; an old-fashioned dinner - on - the - grounds at 12:30; and a 2 p. m. old-fashioned praise service.

Richland's New Auditorium

Bevy Of Widely Known Speakers To Assist In Dedication Week

Richland Church, Highway 49 South at Plain, Jackson, will dedicate its new church auditorium September 9-16.

Featured speakers will be Dr. Howard Spell, many years professor and dean at Mississippi College, now retired; Dr. B. Gray Allison, founder and president of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Little Rock, Arkansas; Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor emeritus of Bellevue, Memphis; Bob Harrington, evangelist and television personality; David Barnhill, V. C. Windham, Malcolm Jones, and Lester Reeves, former pastors of the church. Guest musicians will be Clint and Jarvis Rose Nichols, music evangelists of Hattiesburg (where he is assistant professor of music at USM) and Jack Price, member of the Bob Harrington Evangelistic Team; and Larry Long, gospel singer.

Evangelist Moody Adams will conclude the dedication services with a series of evangelistic services September 14, 15, and 16, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 11. Adams' crusades have drawn over two million. He has had over 2,000 speaking engagements in the last two years, has appeared on over 600 American campuses and is rapidly expanding his weekly television program.

Appearing with Adams will be gospel singer Larry Long.

Although the building is not yet completed because of construction delays, the dedication program will be as follows:

Sunday, September 9: Rev. Paul B.

Williamson, Jr., pastor, preaching at 11 a.m. on "Dedicating This Church Building to the Preaching of the Gospel"; dinner on the grounds at 12 noon; services of praise and thanksgiving at 2 p.m. with Rev. David Barnhill as speaker; service at 6:30 p.m. with Rev. V. C. Windham as speaker; and at 7:30 p.m. with Dr. Howard Spell speaking on "Dedicating This Church to the Cause of Missions."

Monday, September 10, 7:30 p.m.—Dr. B. Gray Allison, "Dedicating This Church to the Teaching of God's Holy Word."

Tuesday, September 11, 7:30 p.m.—Dr. R. G. Lee, "Dedicating This Church to the Exaltation of Jesus Christ."

Wednesday, September 12, 7:30 p.m.—Clint and Jarvis Rose Nichols, "Dedicating This Church to the Ministry of Music and Praise."

Thursday, September 13, 7:30 p.m.—Bob Harrington, Chaplain of Bourbon Street, "Dedicating This Church Building to the Salvation of Lost Souls."

Paul B. Williamson, Jr., pastor, states that the church is seeking to set new records in Sunday School attendance. Former members and guests are invited to attend.

The firm of Dean, Purcell and Dean, Jackson, is the architect and Harvey Construction Company of Jackson is general contractor.

The auditorium will have a seating capacity of 1100. The contract price is \$254,003.